



WIRELESS/WIRELINE COMMUNICATION

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/295,774, filed June 4, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/302,473, filed July 2, 2001.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to telecommunication and more particularly to wireless and wireline communication.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Telecommunications technology has advanced dramatically in recent history. People now use forms of communication that did not exist, or were not readily accessible (e.g., financially), such as email, cellular or other mobile phones, pagers, and personal digital assistants (PDAs) that include communications features such as instant messaging. These technologies have become more widespread, easy to use, affordable, and perceived as convenient if not a necessary part of modern life.

Many people use multiple types of telecommunications, often on a daily basis. For example, many people use cellular or other mobile phones in place of wireline phones, or while they are away from wireline phones. People often use mobile phones while they are in transit to and from work, e.g., in cars and on trains. People typically use wireline phones for communication when they are at their place of business, e.g., at a desk, or in their homes. With the proliferation of telecommunications devices, and deregulation of phone services, have come a variety of rate schedules for different types of communication, and competing suppliers of similar communication types. For example, there are many rate